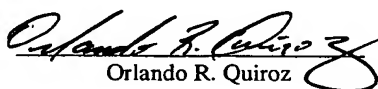




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Date: May 24, 2004

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Attorney Docket No.:10010994-5

Patent Application

**Inventor(s):** Bruce D. Quimby, et. al. **Group Art Unit:** 2863

**Serial No.:** 10/722,994 **Examiner:** Bhat, A.

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**Title:** **METHOD OF MATCHING RETENTION TIMES**  
**AMONG MULTIPLE CHROMATOGRAPHIC SYSTEM**

**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO**  
**NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed **May 11, 2004**, applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows.



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Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment ( ) Petition to extend time to respond  
( ) New fee as calculated below ( ) Supplemental Declaration  
(X) No additional fee (Address envelope to "Mail stop Non-Fee Amendments")  
( ) Other: (fee \$ )

CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	17	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$86	\$ 0
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$290	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$420.00	3RD MONTH \$950.00	4TH MONTH \$1480.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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